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**Expedited Procedure Requested
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Alonzo M. BURNS et al.

Application No.: 09/228,954

Filed: January 12, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: C. JUSKA

For: A SURFACE COVERING BACKING CONTAINING POLYMERIC
MICROSPHERES AND PROCESSES OF MAKING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 18, 2001

Sir:

This Amendment after Final is in response to the final Office Action dated January 18, 2001, wherein the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before May 18, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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